

Dr Prakash Khodke,
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Dr. Prakash Khodke, born in 1960, is Principal of Government College of Engineering, Karad, an oldest prestigious institute in western part of Maharashtra, India. He is actively engaged in transforming this Institute to the future requirements through various reforms, strategies and initiatives. After drafting vision document for the institute, he took focussed efforts to gain autonomy and has been successful in one year. Now the institute is aiming at reaccreditation of few of the courses and fresh accreditation of remaining courses. He is leading the team of faculty and support staff incorporating changes in academic curriculum, delivery and evaluation techniques, introducing industry interaction and research components in learning, and setting up a self reliant system for future.

Dr. Khodke completed Mechanical Engineering from same college, and did his post graduation and doctorate degrees at the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, in Mechanical Engineering. He also has a MBA from Nagpur University, Nagpur. He had his initial training at Premier Automobiles Ltd., Mumbai. He edited one Engineering books and published over sixty research papers. Seven researchers have completed doctorates under his guidance. He has also 2 patents for paper production from agriculture waste and spherical ball method for measurement of velocity in open channels, and has an impressive background in academics, inter-disciplinary research, institute-industry interaction, and technology development and transfer. As a Chairman and member of various State Government and University level committees, Dr. Khodke made significant contribution for introducing various academic, administrative and financial reforms including curriculum development integrating emerging areas of technology.

Prior to joining CEK in 2014, Dr. Khodke was Director, Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education (2011-2014). In a very short span of three years, he has rejuvenated entire system in Polytechnic education by implementing various reforms targeting quality education. He was instrumental in establishing Hub and Spoke model helping 47 institutes to network with over 85 industries for interaction. He initiated competition for demonstrating innovative ideas/ project to expert committee, resulting in filing patent for more than 15 products developed by students every year. He was also Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Amravati (2003-2011) M.S., which has gained autonomous status and got first time accreditation during his tenure. He established the self sustaining system leading to improvements in its overall performance. The institute having 3rd position in University was brought to 48th position in the Country (Outlook Express June 2011) in 8 yrs.

A recipient of "Best Teacher Award" by Govt. of Maharashtra for 2011-12, Dr Khodke also won five international awards including Marquis Who's Who in the world in Science and Engineering. Dr Khodke visited six countries which include Belgium, Turkey, USA, France, Singapore, Italy for participating in different conferences/ workshops. He had attended conferences/ workshops at National University Singapore, National Technological University, Singapore, University of Florence, Harvard, MIT, Technological University, Istanbul (Turkey), and New York University.